

1 **BOARD BILL # 447 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN STEPHEN GREGALI**

2 An ordinance amending Ordinance 64710; pertaining to the making, using or displaying of a
3 replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or temporary number tag issued by the State
4 of Missouri or any other state, by adding a penalty clause assessing a fine and allowing for the
5 towing of any vehicle displaying a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or
6 temporary number tag issued by the State of Missouri or any other state, and containing an
7 emergency clause.

8 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

9 **SECTION ONE.** Ordinance 64710, as codified in Section 17.52.080 of the Revised
10 Code of the City of St. Louis, is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 17.52.080 State registration number plate—Counterfeiting.

12 A. No person shall make a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or
13 temporary number tag issued by the State of Missouri or any other state, nor shall any person
14 erase, change or alter the number on any such plate or temporary number tag or knowingly use or
15 display on any motor vehicle a replica, facsimile or counterfeit number plate or temporary
16 number tag or any plate or temporary number tag on which the number has been erased, changed
17 or altered.

18 B. Any person found to be in violation of paragraph A of this section shall be assessed a
19 fine of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) or a term of imprisonment of not
20 less than Ninety days (90) or both a fine and a term of imprisonment.

21 C. Any vehicle displaying a replica, facsimile or counterfeit of any number plate or

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1 temporary number tag or a plate or temporary number tag which has been erased, changed or
2 altered in violation of paragraph A of this section shall be subject to towing by the St. Louis
3 Metropolitan Police Department. Whenever a police officer has probable cause to believe that a
4 vehicle is subject to towing pursuant to this ordinance, the towing of such vehicle shall be
5 deemed an emergency removal under the provisions of Section 17.56.020 of Section One of
6 Ordinance 60935. The police officer shall provide for the towing of the vehicle to a facility
7 controlled by the city or its agents. The vehicle shall be held until the registered owner of such
8 vehicle provides proof of a valid license for such vehicle. In addition the owner shall be liable for
9 the scheduled fees for the towing and storage of the vehicle. When the vehicle is towed, the
10 police officer shall notify the person who is found to be in control of the vehicle at the time of the
11 alleged violation, if there is such a person, of the fact of the towing and of the vehicle owner's
12 right to appeal the towing under the provisions of Section 17.56.060 of Section One of Ordinance
13 60935.

14 **SECTION TWO. Emergency clause.**

15 This being an ordinance for the preservation of public peace, health, and safety, it is
16 hereby declared to be an emergency measure within the meaning of Sections 19 and 20 of Article
17 IV of the Charter of the City of St. Louis and therefore shall become effective immediately upon
18 its passage and approval by the mayor.

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